

Rain, clearing by noon; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

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A MILLION FOR ENGLAND

America Will Pay Heavy Indemnity to Great Britain.

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS ACCOUNT

Arbitration Commissioners' Work Completed and Reports Soon to Be Made to the Respective Governments—Money Will Be Paid Six Months After Final Decision.

Boston, Dec. 20.—After a week of conferences in this city, Justices Putnam and King, the commissioners for the United States and Canada, respectively, in the arbitration of the Behring Sea claims, have completed their work for the present and it is understood, will soon begin the preparation of their reports to their respective governments.

The Behring Sea claims, which President Cleveland proposed to settle for \$425,000, have now aggregated more than \$800,000, with interest for ten years. That the amount of indemnity paid by the United States to Great Britain will be much larger than was at first expected is apparent from the evidence already submitted. While some of the claims will be disallowed, the total is nearly, if not quite, a million dollars, in case the interest asked is allowed by the commissioners.

It is not possible to state at this time what claim has been ruled out or whether it will be necessary to refer any of the claims to the arbitration of a third commissioner, who is to be appointed by the president of Switzerland, in case such an appointment is found necessary. But it may be stated in a general way that the conferences of the two commissioners have been of the most satisfactory character. The commissioners have gone over the disputed claims step by step, reviewing the evidence as in the case of a law suit. It is understood that the agreement as to the amount of indemnity claimed has been reported in all but a few cases, and these are likely to be settled without the appointment of the umpire provided for in the convention. The claim made in Congress that all the cases had not been properly investigated at the time President Cleveland wished to make a settlement, and that the amounts in some of the cases were large and included awards to Americans who were part owners of sealing vessels. This has been the source of greatest difficulty in obtaining the award, but investigation has shown that the indemnity will, in most cases, be more than was proposed in the settlement proceedings. An informal conference of the commissioners may be necessary before the reports to the two governments are made, but it is expected that a satisfactory adjustment of all the claims will be reported.

The amount awarded to Great Britain will be paid within six months of the time when the final decision is reported, whether it is made by the two commissioners or by an umpire.

FATAL PISTOL HANDLING.

A Boy of Fourteen Kills a Child Aged Five.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 20.—Jack McIntosh, fourteen years old, shot and killed Willie Canine, a little boy under five, at Cheraw today. McIntosh had an old pistol, which he was flourishing, and bystanders made him put it back in his pocket. Later, when there was no one to interfere, he put a bullet through his little companion's head. On the verdict of a coroner's jury McIntosh was committed to jail.

Open Evenings.

A LIST TO STUDY

It is full of suggestions for Christmas gifts. Study it well—Note the prices. Remember them when you are pricing goods. They will prove to you how immeasurably cheaper we sell than anyone else. You are freely welcome to credit without extra cost.

Massive Oak Extension Table, finely finished, \$4.50
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A very pretty Gilt Chair, \$1.68
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A Fine Brass Cane Top Table, \$3.48
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Very Pretty Brass Parlor Table, \$1.25
Extremely Fine Quartered Oak China Cabinet, with round glass ends, \$17.75
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Ladies' Handsome Oak or Mahogany Desk, with brass rail, \$5.50

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FREIGHT TRAIN'S MAD CAREER.

It Runs Away, Descending a Mountain With Fatal Results.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 20.—A run-away freight train of thirty-four cars, loaded with grain and merchandise, crashed into a second train loaded with dressed beef, opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad station early tonight.

Samuel Custer, a drover, from Hagerstown, Ind., in charge of a carload of chickens, was killed, and the following persons injured:
Engineer F. S. Burke, of this city, back sprained.
Fireman William Lovell, head cut and body bruised.
Best, hurt slightly cut and bruised.
James Prentiss, slightly cut.
John McFady, slightly cut.
The last three were tramped.

NOT A FLOPPY SIGN.

New Hampshire Cotton Mills Reduce Workmen's Wages.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 20.—Notice had been posted in the Stark and Amos mills of this city and at the Clinton, Webster and Fairbroke Cotton Mills, at Suncook, announcing a reduction in the wages of the operatives of about 10 per cent, to go into effect January 1.

The primary reason for the reduction is Southern competition. Fifteen hundred operatives, with a payroll amounting to about \$45,000, will be affected by the announcement at Suncook and also at the same number here. It is understood that they will accept the cut.

BETTING ODDS ON QUINCY

Democrats Confident of Electing Him Mayor of Boston.

Republicans Expressing Hope, But Without Figures to Back Up Confidence.

Boston, Dec. 20.—President John H. Lee, of the Democratic city committee, estimates that about \$5,000 votes, or 84 per cent of the total number registered, will be polled at the municipal election tomorrow. Of this number he says that Mayor Quincy will receive about 44,000, leaving 42,000 to be divided between Curtis, Riley and Goldstein. He says that Mayor Quincy's plurality over Curtis will be at least 7,000.

The shrewd political observers are giving odds of 10 to 7 on Quincy's election, and very little Republican money is forthcoming, even at these figures. The Republicans have not given up hope, however, and figure on the success of their man by a small plurality. They pin their faith on the candidacy of Riley, Democrat, and on the fact that at the State election in September Gov. Wolcott carried the city by nearly 9,000 votes.

The Democrats, on the other hand, point to an increased registration of 7,000, 75 per cent Democratic, to the 25,000 voters who did not go to the polls in election day, but who are coming out tomorrow, and of whom they say the majority is Democratic. To the personal weakness of Curtis, and to the large Republican contingent which is supporting Quincy.

At the Parker House a bet of \$1,000 to \$700 was placed, but the stock exchange was the best place for bets today. One prominent broker is said to have registered a bet of \$1,000 to \$700 in favor of Quincy, and another offered \$100 to \$50 and was promptly taken.

THE OLIVE PECKER TRAGEDY.

Trial of John Anderson for Murdering the Mate of the Schooner.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—In the Federal court this morning, Judges Goff and Hughes presiding, an actual beginning was made in the case of John Anderson, now at jail for the murder of Mate William W. Saunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker.

George McIntosh, counsel for the accused, said he expected to prove that Anderson had been subjected to unheard-of and unparalleled cruelty, and that he had acted purely in self-defense.

The defense was furnished with the original papers in the examination of the Pecker case before the United States court at Baltimore. Several witnesses gave testimony similar to that after which court adjourned until tomorrow.

Turf Congress Restores Pinhook.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 20.—At a special meeting of the American Turf Congress today Pinhook's alleged violation of the winter racing rules was considered. The decision rendered was that the track and persons who participated in such racing to all the rights and privileges of the track was not with intent to break the rules. The congress reaffirmed its opposition to winter racing. The Harlem track at Chicago was mentioned. The application for reinstatement of J. Brannon, accused of illegality, in the famous Polk Budget "ringer" case several years ago, was referred to a committee to report January 10.

Mrs. Sack's Arraignment.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Augusta Sack will probably be arraigned January 3. It is understood that Mrs. Sack will be permitted to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree.

Leaf Tobacco From Havana.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Ward Line steamer Seguntina, which arrived this morning from Havana, had on board 882 bales of leaf tobacco. This was the second shipment which has reached here since Gen. Weyler's recall.

Do you know that you can have The Morning, Evening and Sunday Times—the only COMPLETE newspaper published in Washington—served to you by carrier for fifty cents a month?

Holiday Rates to Fort Monroe and Norfolk.

Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company will sell tickets to above points December 22, 23 and 24, good to return until January 2, inclusive, at \$3.50 for the round trip.

Weather strips, cent and a half a foot. The best made; either felt or rubber.

HE KNOWS OF NO FRAUD

Ex-Clerk Gideon Makes an Emphatic Denial.

Was a Voluntary Witness.

Senate Subcommittee on Pacific Railroads Finds the Land Office Attache Ready to Testify When It Assesses—Mistakes, Perhaps, But No Wrongdoing, He Avers.

The testimony taken by the Senate subcommittee on Pacific Railroads yesterday morning was only another illustration of the fact that there are always two sides to every case.

When Mr. Thomas Reddington appeared on Saturday it was thought that a paying name of information was about to be opened. Mr. Reddington stated in well promised much valuable information, but when he was excused by the committee it was found that he had related his views and ideas, and testified as to his beliefs instead of giving the body a single tangible clue.

Mr. Reddington rattled off many innuendoes and intimations of fraud, in which he coupled the names of certain ex-officials and finally wound up by telling the committee that if it would turn over its whole business to him he would guarantee to unearth frauds that would save vast sums of money, and several times the present and bring into the Treasury of the United States several hundred thousand dollars, all of which he would do, he said, for a consideration.

The chief snag in this avalanche of fraud which has swept over the land office was a clerk of the name of M. M. Gideon, whose whereabouts, Mr. Reddington said, was a mystery, but who could be located if he was given the proper authority to hunt for him.

Mr. Reddington, in reply to an inquiry by Senator Foster, chairman of the subcommittee, frankly admitted that money would be required, but Mr. Reddington left the committee room without having been engaged and with the committee in the dark as to the whereabouts of the mysterious M. Gideon.

That mystery was solved when the committee met yesterday morning. When the members arrived at 11 o'clock they found M. Gideon waiting them, and that, too, without even the formality of a summons. Mr. Gideon had been at the office of Mr. Reddington and was there to relate them. He was not a mythical personage, nor was his whereabouts surrounded in mystery. It turned out that he lived right here in Washington, and that within a very few days from December 1897, and for the suspension of all killing of seals on the Pribilof Islands for the same period.

"Second," that the British Ambassador and one of more representatives of the Canadian government and representatives of the United States must take up for consideration a view to settlement by means of treaty stipulations the fur seal question, the protection of fish in the waters of rivers and lakes contiguous to the United States and Canada, the subject of reciprocal emigration, commercial reciprocity or any other unsettled question between the United States and Canada."

Canada's reply was that the sealing conference must precede the suspension of pelagic sealing, which would destroy this industry not for one year, but three.

DEFIES THE LAWS OF KANSAS

An Insurance Company Refuses to Allow an Investigation.

Will Withdraw From the State Rather Than Permit Its Books to Undergo Examination.

Topoka, Kan., Dec. 20.—President Patterson of the Travelers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., rather than submit to an examination of the company's books by State Superintendent McCall, today announced that on December 31 his company would withdraw from the State.

The company sought protection in the Federal court and was beaten. A week ago McCall filed the company's estate in Kansas, and was ready to start men out to appraise it. This caused President Patterson to give up the fight. Gov. Leedy, Mr. McCall, and the State officers say this is a great victory over corporation. It is sought to disregard the laws of Kansas.

COMMISSIONER EVANS SILENT.

Will Not Discuss the San's Exposure of Pension Frauds.

Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans was asked last night what he thought of the story published in The Times and also in the New York Sun, charging pension frauds, exposed by the San.

"Haven't read it," responded the Commissioner. "That is," continued he, "I read the headlines and glanced at the first paragraph. Oh, they're wild; they're way off on that story. I'm going to read it through when I go up to my room."

Republican Policy Causes Suicide.

New York, Dec. 20.—William Hanson, an eccentric old man, committed suicide in his room, on Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, last night. He left a letter to his landlady, explaining that he was tired of being an object of charity. He also declared that the financial policy of the Republican party had been so infamous and unjust that he ceased to support it.

The Appomattox Disabled.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 20.—A private telegram received here says that the Chesapeake and Ohio steamship Appomattox was reported 300 miles west of Fastnet with a broken shaft. The ship was reported to be lying along the coast of Ireland, and it is believed that an attempt is being made to repair the damage.

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him to secure a patent for a single tract of land, which his company was not entitled.

There could be no fraud, he contended, unless the whole thing was rotten and that had not been intimated by anybody. It was as difficult to secure a fraudulent land patent as it was to secure money from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Mistakes might occur as the result of misinterpretation of the laws governing the issue of the patents, but fraud could not exist in any one manner.

Mr. Gideon said that he knew of some wrongful issue of patents, but none were secured corruptly. These wrongful issues were, as a rule, connected by the department, one case in point used to illustrate this class was that of the patent of lands at the Vancouver terminus of the Northern Pacific road. It related to the proper survey of a triangle, and was contested before the department. The witness at the time represented the settlers who were contesting the railroad company, and after two adverse decisions, he said, that he finally secured one in favor of the settlers, but while it was pending on appeal, the patent was issued to the railroad company. He did not charge fraud there, but intimated that there had been a mistake of some character.

The land involved aggregated between 30,000 and 40,000 acres. The department had recommended suit to recover the property.

Mr. Alexander Britton, a well-known attorney of this city, was also called. He knew of no frauds, and related the modus operandi of securing patents. In this he corroborated the statements of Mr. Gideon and said it would be almost impossible to secure patents through fraud.

LAURIE-FOSTER LETTERS

Reply of Canada's Representative to the American Envoy.

The Conference Must Precede Suspension of Pelagic Sealing, He Says.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Hon. John W. Foster's publication of the correspondence between himself and the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier created great surprise here, as the correspondence was confidential.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to give out the correspondence. Mr. Foster has given out Sir Wilfrid's letter and his own reply, but he has chosen to refrain from giving out the correspondence dated November 16, to which the Canadian letter of November 24 is a reply.

The effect of this memorandum was, "First," that the governments of Great Britain and the United States agree to a modus vivendi providing for a complete suspension of the killing of seals in all the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the Behring Sea for one year from December 1897, and for the suspension of all killing of seals on the Pribilof Islands for the same period.

"Second," that the British Ambassador and one of more representatives of the Canadian government and representatives of the United States must take up for consideration a view to settlement by means of treaty stipulations the fur seal question, the protection of fish in the waters of rivers and lakes contiguous to the United States and Canada, the subject of reciprocal emigration, commercial reciprocity or any other unsettled question between the United States and Canada."

ENORMOUS CRACKER COMBINE.

Objects of a Big Bakery Deal Announced by a Member.

New York, Dec. 20.—S. S. Marvin, president of the United States Bakery Company, of Pittsburgh, says the combination of the three great cracker companies just effected in this city will probably have its headquarters here. The concern is capitalized at \$55,000,000, and the companies composing it are the New York Biscuit Company, the American Baking Company and the United States Bakery Company.

The objects of the new company is to invade foreign markets. The concern is to be co-operative, the employees to be allowed to invest their surplus earnings in stock.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Every Passenger Injured and the Car Burned.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—This afternoon a trolley accident occurred on the Wissahickon Electric Passenger Railway, which may result in the loss of two lives. Every passenger was hurt, some seriously, and the car was burned. The dangerously injured are: Justice Laymond, conductor, left leg and right arm crushed; Hiram Van Easden, motorman, lacerated wounds of the head.

The car got beyond control in descending a grade and, bounding from the track, dashed into a lamp-post.

Three Strikers Drowned.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 20.—While four young people were skating on the Elk Creek between this village and Transit, tonight, the ice broke and all were plunged into the water. Three were drowned. The dead are: William Newman, aged nineteen years; Rose Newman, aged sixteen years; and Michael Coleman, aged twenty years. The fourth member of the party, Miss Lizie Coleman, was rescued.

Pingree Charges Bribery.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—Gov. Pingree, through Col. E. Burton of his staff, today charged in public print that a local politician and contractor named Otto E. Guelich, offered him a bribe of valuable asphalt deposits in Venezuela. The consideration was an appointment of commissioner of the board of public works, when Pingree was mayor of Detroit.

Aid for Holy Land Pilgrims.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The American congregation of the Priests of Jerusalem was incorporated today as an independent Jewish residence in Jerusalem and Palestine by means of money collections among Jewish in the United States. The movement is to encourage the so-called Zionist movement and support pilgrimages from this country to Jerusalem and Palestine.

Select Cypress 5 cents per foot.

Either all 12-in. wide or wide counter tops.

BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE

Crook, Horner & Co.'s Warehouse Entirely Destroyed.

FLAMES RAGED FOR HOURS

The Most Prominent Business Part of the City Saved Only by the Firemen's Headwork—General Alarm Sounded—Sick People and Cripples Removed.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—For two hours this afternoon a serious conflagration threatened the business center of this city. Shortly before 6 o'clock fire started in the six-story building of Crook, Horner & Co., at Howard and Saratoga streets. The flames raged fiercely, endangering life and property on all sides. Only the prompt action of the fire department prevented a greater loss than \$100,000.

Crook, Horner & Co. are the most extensive manufacturers in Baltimore. Their big building contained more than 300 tons of weighty appliances. Directly in the rear of their structure were several tenement houses, the apartments of which were occupied by eight families, of whom several members were bedridden. The flames, however, were confined to the warehouse, which was entirely destroyed. A general alarm brought out every fire company, but it was not until 9 o'clock this evening that the flames were under control. While the fire was raging at its height sick people and cripples were removed to places of safety.

THREAT TO SHOOT HIS ACCUSERS.

Thrilling Incident at the Stein-O'Neil Trial at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—Excitement is intense here tonight over unexpected developments in the Stein-O'Neil trouble, which means one, and possibly two, duels. The trial of Stein and O'Neil took place this afternoon, the charge being a breach of the peace.

O'Neil was fined heavily, while Stein was discharged. O'Neil's counsel denounced Stein as a liar, ex-convict and murderer. Stein responded in like fashion, and only the fact that he was hemmed in on all sides by officers prevented his shooting his accusers.

Efforts of both sides to have the officials detained for some time after the opposing party had gone.

Preliminary arrangements are now progressing toward a duel, and there is no reason to doubt that one will take place within the next few hours.

CROWD HOOTED M. ZOLA.

Hostile Exclamations at the Funeral of Daudent.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The funeral of M. Alphonse Daudent, the distinguished novelist and dramatic writer, who died suddenly on Thursday evening last, took place today and was very impressive.

Nearly everybody who is noted in literature and art attended.

M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, and M. Baichaud, minister of public instruction and worship, represented the government.

President Faure sent a secretary as his personal representative. A company of infantry rendered military honors.

From the church the cortege proceeded to the Cemetery of Pere in Chaise, where M. Zola delivered the principal oration. The crowd hooted M. Zola on account of his attitude in the Dreyfus case.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES MEET.

First Gathering Since the New Ministry Was Formed.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Chamber of Deputies met today for the first time since the new ministry was formed.

A resolution that was tantamount to a declaration of want of confidence in the new government, was submitted by Signor Colombo, and it was rejected by the narrow margin of sixteen.

There is much excitement in political circles owing to the narrow escape of the government from defeat.

It is the impression in parliamentary circles that Prime Minister Rudini will not resign.

PANDO ENGAGES GARCIA.

Official Report of a Battle at Cauto River.

Havana, Dec. 20.—A hard battle has been fought at the Cauto River. It has been expected for several days, as the result of Gen. Pando's campaign against Gen. Garcia. Only the official report of the battle given out by the staff of the captain-general is known here tonight.

It says that Gen. Pando won the entrance to the river after a fight, in which the Spanish losses were 119—21 soldiers and 2 captains being killed and 24 soldiers, 1 sergeant, 1 captain and 2 lieutenants severely wounded. The insurgent losses, says the official report, were also heavy.

The Spanish gunboats Luisa, Centinela, and Diez Velazquez took a prominent part in the battle, and saved several smaller vessels which would have been the explosion of torpedoes by the insurgents. These gunboats captured three large Cuban torpedoes.

Gen. Pando reports the capture of arms and ammunition from the insurgents. The war in the East is assuming very serious proportions.

ACTOR RATCLIFFE TESTIFIES.

Flatly Denies the Truth of His Wife's Accusations.

New York, Dec. 20.—Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, charged with wife beating, was subjected to a vigorous cross examination today by the prosecuting attorney. Ratcliffe maintained that all the accusations by his wife were untrue. He flatly denied that he had ever struck his wife, and declared the charges were being pushed by Mr. De Lauroy, who never liked him.

Yellow Fever Expert Assaulted.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Dr. George H. Stone was assaulted by Grantham I. Taggart, on Bull street, the most prominent thoroughfare of this city, this afternoon.

Dr. Stone is the famous Georgia yellow fever expert, and returned only a short time ago from the infected district.

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TO CIRCUMVENT UNCLE SAM.

Canadians Find a Way to Prevent Retaliation.

Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 20.—The Canadians have found a way to prevent, in future, the exportation of pine logs from Ontario to the United States without bringing about the retaliation decided upon by Congress some time ago, to the effect that when an export duty was placed by Canada on logs, an excess duty would be placed on manufactured lumber coming from Canada equal to the duty so placed on logs.

The minister of crown lands in the Ontario legislature today presented a bill announcing that the government's policy in the matter is that all licenses to cut pine logs in Ontario issued April 30 next, shall contain a provision enforcing the manufacture of the pine logs into boards.

POPE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.

So Says Bishop Emard, of Quebec, Recently From the Vatican.

New York, Dec. 20.—Bishop Emard, of Valley Field, province of Quebec, who arrived here on La Normandie from Havre today, described his visit to Pope Leo. "The pope is in excellent health," he said, "I had an audience of an hour and ten minutes with him, and his vivacity was as great as ever. He asked questions incessantly. His holiness seems to know everybody everywhere and follows the events of the world with avidity."

If the pope discussed with Bishop Emard the Manitoba school question and other questions affecting the state and church in Canada, the bishop was careful not to reveal the fact.

BUSINESS MEN PROTEST

Merchants of Savannah Do Not Want Colored Officials.

Declare No One Has the Moral Right to Impose Objectionable Persons Upon the Community.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—A meeting of the most influential business men of the city was held today at the Savannah Cotton Exchange. The members of this organization and of the board of trade met to offer a formal protest against the appointment of a negro postmaster or collector of the port here. Lengthy resolutions were adopted, in which this language, aimed at the candidacy of J. R. Deveaux, for the collectorship, occurs:

"There was ended thirty-two years ago. If there is any sincerity in the frequent protestations that we are now considered an integral part of this country, and not as a subjugated province to be ruled at the caprice of the conqueror, in disregard of our wishes and sentiments and prejudices, then the President and Senate have no moral right, whatever their arbitrary power may be, to impose upon this community officers to whom it has a settled and abiding objection."

A resolution was also adopted, calling upon the mayor and aldermen to make an official protest against the appointment of negroes.

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